

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Shamim M. Malik, et al.	Examiner: Tyson, Melanie Ruano
Serial No. 09/997,449	Art Unit: 3773
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Customer No.: 45159	Attorney Docket: 050623.00134
Title: A MODIFIED IMPLANTABLE DEVICE SURFACE AND A METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME	

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Applicants are filing this response to the Final Office Action dated December 16, 2008 concurrent with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination. Please consider the following: